Five essential steps: **IMPORTING** into **GB** after 1 Jan 2022

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1. Do you have a GB EORI, Customs Agent or required customs authorisation?

- A GB EORI number is essential for businesses importing into GB or engaging with any UK systems. You can apply here.
- Businesses that have taken advantage of the deferred declaration scheme will need an authorisation for simplified declarations, or have an agent with this authorisation. From 1 January 2022, you will no longer be able to delay customs declarations.
- Most businesses will use a customs agent to submit customs declarations. FDF has partnered with the freight forwarder and customs broker Unsworth to help members submit these declarations with a reliable and effective agent. Find out more here.

2. Do you know the commodity codes, customs value and origin of your goods?

- Commodity codes are used to identify goods, and indicate if they are subject to any duty. You must know the customs value of your goods as this will be used to calculate any duties owed.
- If you would like your goods to benefit from the UK-EU preferential trade agreement, you must ensure your products meet the rules of origin set out in the agreement otherwise your goods may face tariffs.

3. What customs models will be applied by the ports that you use?

- Ports will either adopt the pre-lodgement or temporary storage model. Some may use a mix of both. Pre-lodgement requires the use of GVMS, and the customs declaration must be lodged prior to arriving at the port. Temporary storage allows for the importer to lodge the customs declaration within 90 days of arrival at the port.
- RoRo locations will use pre-lodgement and require the customs declaration to be lodged before arrival. All declarations must be linked in GVMS using references from the submitted customs declations to be able to board a ferry to GB.

4. Do your suppliers/hauliers know who is responsible for each part of the process?

- The incoterms your agreed with your suppliers dictate who is responsible for submitting declarations to get your goods into GB.
- You should engage with the carriers of your goods as they will need to interact with systems such as GVMS on your behalf if using RoRo locations and need references from your customs declarations to be linked to GVMS. They will also be responsible for ensuring your goods are present for any required HMRC checks and are given customs clearance.

5. Do you need to pre-notify your goods on IPAFFS?

- From 1 January 2022, animal and plant products will need to be pre-notified on IPAFFS. Export Health Certificates (EHCs) and Border Control Post (BCP) checks are not required until at least 1 July 2022.
- Between 1 January and 1 July 2022, the IPAFFS notification is needed four hours prior to arrival. The simplified notification will only require 15 fields of data to be entered.

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